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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR VANCE'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE

FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM AMBASSADOR CRONK

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1. I AM VERY PLEASED YOU ARE TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT
SINGAPORE ON YOUR WAY TO THE EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK.
WE HOPE TO USE YOUR PRESENCE TO REINFORCE OUR OWN EFFORTS TO
CONVINCE THE GOS TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OPER-
ATIONS AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TO AND THROUGH SINGAPORE.
WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU AND MRS. VANCE WOULD BE OUR GUESTS
AT THE RESIDENCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. OUR TENTATIVE PROGRAM INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
A BRIEFING BY THE NARCOTICS COUNTRY TEAM, A LUNCHEON OR CALL ON
THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, A CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL
NARCOTICS BUREAU, A TOUR IN THE DAO LAUNCH OF THE SINGAPORE HARBOR
WHICH WILL PERMIT YOU TO SEE AT FIRSTHAND THE DIFFICULTIES OF
CONTROLLING THE TRANSIT OF DRUGS, AND A MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR

OF THE SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SACAC) TO DISCUSS
SACAC'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE GROWING DRUG PROBLEM AMONG AMERICAN
TEENAGERS IN SINGAPORE. BILL GRANT (OUR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR)
AND HIS WIFE, WHO SERVED WITH YOU IN BRUSSELS, WOULD LIKE TO HOST
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A SMALL RECEPTION IN WHICH YOU AND MRS. VANCE COULD MEET MEMBERS

OF THE SACAC AND SINGAPOREANS INVOLVED IN THE DRUG REHABILITATION FIELD. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS PROGRAM IS ACCEPTABLE AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU DESIRE.

3. I NOTE YOU WILL BRIEFLY TRANSIT SINGAPORE ON MARCH 17 ON YOUR WAY TO JAKARTA. THERE IS SO LITTLE TIME AVAILABLE THAT IT MAKES LITTLE SENSE FOR YOU TO MAKE THE LONG TRIP INTO THE CITY FROM THE AIRPORT. HOWEVER, I WILL HAVE AN EMBASSY OFFICER MEET AND ASSIST YOU, AND PROVIDE YOU WITH A COPY OF YOUR SCHEDULE FOR YOUR VISIT ON THE 19TH-21ST. CRONK

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